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1. HERewith FULL TEXT RICHARD HALLORAN FRONT PAGE BYLINER
NEW YORK TIMES WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 HEADED "A SENIOR
KOREAN SPY DEFECTS AND ASSISTS IN FEDERAL INQUIRY/AGENT'S
WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY IS VIEWED AS BIGGEST BREAK FBI HAS
HAD IN INVESTIGATION."

2. WASHINGTON, NOV. 30. A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE KOREAN
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HERE HAS DEFIED ORDERS TO
RETURN HOME AND IS "VOLUNTARILY COOPERATING" WITH A
FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED KOREAN BRIBERY OF
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATORS SAID TODAY.

3. KIM SAN KEUN, WHO HAS ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM,
CONTROLLED SEVERAL SPECIAL OPERATIVES WHOSE MISSION WAS TO
INFLUENCE CONGRESS TO FAVOR KOREAN INTERESTS, THE INVE-
STIGATORS SAID. THEY ADDED THAT HE WAS UNDER FEDERAL PROTEC-
TION AT AN UNDISCLOSED SITE NEAR HERE.

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4. LEADERS OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE ASKED PRESIDENT FORD FOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AID IN UNDERTAKING A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF SOUTH KOREAN INFLUENCE PEDDLING ON CAPITOL HILL.

5. MR. KIM'S WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY APPEARED TO BE THE BIGGEST BREAK THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS HAD SINCE IT BEGAN THE INQUIRY MORE THAN A YEAR AGO BECAUSE HE REPORTEDLY HELD A CRITICAL POST IN THE K.C.I.A. APPARATUS HERE.

6. "THIS GUY WILL BLOW THE LID OFF." A HIGH-RANKING FEDERAL OFFICIAL SAID THAT MR. KIM WAS REGARDED AS AN IMPORTANT WITNESS IN THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO CORRUPTION, BUT DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS ON THE AREAS IN WHICH MR. KIM WAS EXPECTED TO BE HELPFUL. HE ADDED THAT MR. KIM HAD NOT YET BEEN GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM AS THAT WOULD TAKE TIME.

7. ANOTHER SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH THE INQUIRY SAID THAT "THIS GUY WILL BLOW THE LID OFF THIS CASE AND MANY PEOPLE ON CAPITOL HILL ARE GOING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THIS."

8. ACCORDING TO SOURCES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION, MR. KIM IS WELL INFORMED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF PARK TONG SUN, THE KOREAN BUSINESSMAN WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE GIVEN MONEY TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND TO HAVE ENTERTAINED MANY OF THEM LAVISHLY HERE AND IN KOREA.

9. MR. KIM WAS SAID TO BE EQUALLY WELL INFORMED ON THE OPERATIONS OF PAK BO HI, HEAD OF THE KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION AND CHIEF LIEUTENANT OF THE REV. SUN MYUNG MOON OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH. MR. KIM'S KNOWLEDGE WAS SAID TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF MR. MOON'S OPERATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE K.C.I.A.

10. IN ADDITION, MR. KIM DIRECTED A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SPECIAL AGENT NAMED HANCHO C. KIM, A BUSINESSMAN IN NEARBY LANHAM, MD. THE ROLE OF HANCHO C. KIM, WHO COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT, IS EVIDENTLY TO ENHANCE KOREA'S IMAGE
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IN THIS COUNTRY.

11. WHEN MR. KIM DISAPPEARED ON THANKSGIVING, THE DAY HE WAS TO LEAVE FOR SEOUL, THE EMBASSY STAFF WAS MOBILIZED TO FAN OUT LOOKING FOR HIM. THE K.C.I.A. REPORTEDLY SENT A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM SEOUL IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO PERSUADE HIM, THROUGH HIS WIFE, TO RETURN TO KOREA. MRS. KIM AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE ALSO UNDER FEDERAL PROTEC-

TION.

12. MR. KIM HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN ORDERED HOME TO LIMIT THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED BRIBERY AND ILLEGAL CLASSIFIED LOBBYING AND TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR THE EXPOSURE OF THE K.C.I.A.'S OPERATION BEFORE A FEDERAL GRAND JURY AND IN THE AMERICAN PRESS.

13. HE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT OPERATION, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO YANG DO WON, THE NUMBER THREE MAN IN THE K.C.I.A. HEADQUARTERS IN SEOUL. MR. YANG WAS DISMISSED ABOUT A MONTH AGO, ACCORDING TO SEOUL PRESS REPORTS.

14. IN ADDITION, MAJ. GEN. KIM HUNG WHAN, THE ACKNOWLEDGED K.C.I.A. STATION CHIEF HERE, AND MANY OTHER OFFICERS IN THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATES AROUND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN ORDERED HOME TO HEAD OFF JUST THE SORT OF QUESTIONING MR. KIM CURRENTLY UNDERGOING (SIC).

15. ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATS OR INTELLIGENCE AGENTS POSING AS DIPLOMATS ARE IMMUNE TO SUCH QUESTIONING OR APPEARANCES IN COURT, THEY CAN GIVE INFORMATION VOLUNTARILY AS MR. KIM IS DOING. WHETHER HE WILL BE ASKED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY OR IN COURT IF INDICTMENTS ARE HANDED DOWN COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

16. BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL REQUEST TESTIMONY IN RETURN FOR THE PROTECTION AND ASYLUM ACCORDED MR. KIM AND HIS FAMILY. THE INVESTIGATORS HAVE EMPHASIZED FROM THE START THE NEED NOT ONLY TO FIND OUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED BUT ALSO TO HAVE CREDIBLE WITNESSES TO MAKE A CASE IN COURT.

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17. MR. KIM HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON SINCE 1970, WHEN THE KOREAN BRIBERY AND LOBBYING ARE REPORTED TO HAVE STARTED IN RESPONSE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF 20,000 OF THE 64,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS STATIONED IN KOREA. THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT FEARED A LESSENING OF THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO KOREA AND SET OUT TO SHORE UP ITS POSITION. (END TEXT) ROBINSON

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